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1. IF QUERIED EITHER ABOUT JUNE 8 PRAVDA EDITORIAL PUBLISH-
ING FIGURES ON EASTERN AND WESTERN MANPOWER IN CENTRAL
EUROPE, THE JUNE 10 STATEMENT OF EASTERN SPOKESMAN IN VIENNA
GIVING SIMILAR DATA, (REF A) OR ABOUT "ATLANTIC NEWS"
ARTICLE ON THE DATA DISCUSSION IN MBFR (REF B) WE INTEND TO

TAKE LINE THAT

-WE BELIEVE THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL DISPARITY BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN MANPOWER IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THAT THIS DISPARITY MUST BE RESOLVED THROUGH MBFR TO ACHIEVE PARITY IN MANPOWER.

-THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN EASTERN FIGURES ON THEIR FORCES AND WESTERN ESTIMATES OF EASTERN FORCES; WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE REASONS FOR THIS DISCREPANCY.

-WE DO NOT MAKE DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THE FIGURES IN THE PRAVDA EDITORIAL OR IN REFS, OR ON THE DISCUSSION OF NATO OPTIONS IN REF B.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD SUGGEST THAT ALLIED AND NATO PRESS SPOKESMEN ADOPT THIS LINE ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS ONLY. CHRISTOPHER

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